



# Arizona Department of Water Resources

Protecting Arizona's Water Supplies For Its Next Century

## Water Saving Ideas for Businesses

### Indoor Tips:

- Fix leaks, fix leaks, fix leaks!
- Install high efficiency toilet and urinals.
- Shut off cooling units when they're not needed. Eliminate once-through cooling of equipment by recycling water to a cooling tower, or select air-cooled version when replacing equipment.
- Use brooms, squeegees and vacuum cleaners rather than water to clean surfaces.
- Install an energy-efficient water heater or consider 'tankless' water heaters. Install an insulation blanket on water heaters that are warm to the touch.
- Use water-efficient icemakers.
- Offer water to customers only upon request.
- Post signage to educate customers about water efficiency.

### Outdoor Tips:

- Fix leaks, fix leaks, fix leaks!
- Ensure landscape is watered appropriately: optimal amount of water and frequency. Water early morning to reduce evaporation.
- Instead of a hose, sweep parking and paved areas.
- Evaluate the need to wash building exteriors.
- Change window cleaning schedules to "as required" and use squeegees.
- Wash vehicles only when needed.
- Use pool/spa covers to reduce evaporation.

### Planning & Implementation:

- Commit to developing a water-efficient program.
- Appoint a water conservation coordinator or create a 'Blue Team'.
- Develop a facility water management plan.
- Educate and involve employees and cleaning personnel in your water saving campaign.
- Conduct a water audit (inside and out) to identify areas of greatest water use and potential water savings.
- Conduct regularly scheduled leak detection activities and repair leaks immediately.
- Install appropriate low-flow devices, shut-off valves, aerators and other water-efficient equipment. Look for the WaterSense label.
- Convert to low-water-use landscaping and water it appropriately.
- Reduce energy consumption to save water, and reduce water consumption to save energy. Look for the ENERGY STAR label.
- Monitor and promote water savings!

### **For More Water Conservation Information**

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[www.azwater.gov/conservation](http://www.azwater.gov/conservation)

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